GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Rapid Rail
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken by the Government to start 'Rapid Rail' connectivity between Hyderabad and New Capital of Andhra Pradesh as mandated by the Section 13 of Andhra Pradesh State Reorganisation Act; and

(b) the details of the projects being undertaken to expand the reach of Railways to the unconnected and backward regions of Andhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) The new capital of Andhra Pradesh is in proximity to the cities of Vijayawada and Guntur which are well connected by Railway network. At present, 35 pairs of Mail/Express trains run between Hyderabad/Secunderabad and Vijayawada; and 14 pairs, between Hyderabad/Secunderabad and Guntur.
(b) A 309 km long Nadikude − Srikalahasti new line project has been undertaken jointly by Ministry of Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh at an approx. cost of ?2440 crore on cost sharing basis, to provide connectivity to hinterland of districts of Guntur, Nellore and Prakasam, besides providing alternative to the coastal link between Vijayawada and Chennai.

In addition, the 3rd line project has been undertaken between Vijayawada and Kazipet to improve connectivity to the regions between these two cities.
In all, 32 major projects consisting of 17 new lines and 15 doubling, falling fully/partly in the State of Andhra Pradesh, have been taken up. A Railway project invariably acts as a catalyst of growth in unconnected and backward regions.
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